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Election to fill a vacancy on the Legal and Technical Commission in accordance with Part XI, section 4, subsection C, article 163, paragraph 7, of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

Note by the Secretary-General

1. The Council is invited to note that Yuji Kajitani (Japan), member of the Legal and Technical Commission, has passed away. Mr. Kajitani was elected as a member of the Commission on 5 July 2001 for a term of five years (ISBA/7/C/6).

2. In accordance with article 163, paragraph 7, of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea and rule 80, paragraph 3, of the Rules of Procedure of the Council of the International Seabed Authority, in the event of the death, incapacity or resignation of a member of the Commission prior to the expiration of the term of office, the Council shall elect for the remainder of the term a member from the same geographical region or area of interest.

3. Article 163, paragraph 3, of the Convention and rule 81 of the Rules of Procedure of the Council provide that members of the Commission shall have appropriate qualifications in the area of competence of the Commission, and States parties shall nominate candidates of the highest standards of competence and integrity with qualifications in the relevant fields so as to ensure the effective exercise of the functions of the Commission.

4. By a note verbale dated 19 August 2003 from the Embassy of Japan in Jamaica, the Government of Japan informed the Secretariat of the Authority of the nomination of Yoshiaki Igarashi, Deputy Director, Mineral Resources Information Centre of the Metal Mining Agency of Japan, as candidate for the election to fill the vacant seat on the Commission. The curriculum vitae[1] of Mr. Igarashi appears in the annex to the present document.

Notes

[1] The curriculum vitae of Mr. Igarashi is reproduced in the original language of submission only.

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Annex

Yoshiaki Igarashi (Japan)

Date of birth: 2 July 1963.

Present position

Deputy Director, Mineral Resources Information Centre, Metal Mining Agency of Japan.

Education

1982-1986	Tohoku University, Sendai, Japan: B.E. (Mining Engineering).
1986-1988	Tohoku University, Sendai, Japan: M.E. (Mining Engineering).

Professional experience

1988-1993	Joined the Metal Mining Agency of Japan (MMAJ), Mineral Exploration Technical Development Division (exploration of deep-sea mineral resources).
1993-1997	Technical Cooperation Division, MMAJ.
1997-2001	Second Resident Representative, MMAJ Santiago office.
2001-2002	Researcher, Developing Economies Division, Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
2002-present	Deputy Director, Mineral Resources Information Centre, MMAJ.

Memberships/associations

The Mining and Materials Processing Institute of Japan (Mineral Economics).

International meetings/conferences attended (selection)

1991	Participant, Annual meeting of the South Pacific Applied Geosciences Commission (SOPAC), Port Vila, Vanuatu.
1992	Presenter, Symposium on Ocean Technology, Goa, India.
1997	Presenter, Symposium on Deep-sea Mineral Resources, Santiago.
2000	Panellist, Seminar on Ocean Mining, Santiago.
2001	Deputy representative of the Japanese delegation at the Steering Committee of the International Lead and Zinc Study Group, London.
2001	Deputy representative of the Japanese delegation at the general session of the International Nickel Study Group, The Hague.
2001	Deputy representative of the Japanese delegation at the general session of the International Copper Study Group, Lisbon.
2001	Deputy representative of the Japanese delegation at the general session of the International Lead and Zinc Study Group, New Delhi.

2002 Deputy representative of the Japanese delegation at the general session of the International Copper Study Group, Santiago.

Main publications

"Current Exploration Techniques for Manganese Nodules": Symposium on Ocean Technology at Goa, India, 1992.

"Cook Islands Manganese Nodule Resource Assessment, Economic and Policy Analysis": East-West Center, 1993 (collaborative research).